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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 20, 2008, please consider the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.